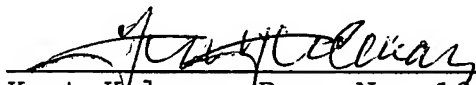


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of allowable claim 6, thus placing the claim in condition for allowance. Claims 2-5 and 7-14 depend on claim 1 and are believed to be allowable therewith.

No issue remaining at bar, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 14 are respectfully solicited.

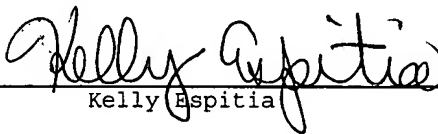
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